

How Many Kinds of Fish Live In The District of Columbia?



What fish can you name?

Did you know that there are about 78 different types of fish that live in the District of Columbia? On a separate piece of paper, write down all the different types of fish that you think live in D.C.. When your done look at the back to see all 78 types.

What's in a name?

Did you know that all fish have more than one name? That's right, in fact most fish have at least two names, a scientific name and a common name. Most people use common names to identify fish, an example of a common name would be bluegill. One problem with common names is that more than one fish might have the same common name. One such example of two different fish having the same name is the angelfish, there are angelfish that live in freshwater and angelfish that come from saltwater, and they are very different fish. This is why fish have another name known as a scientific name. Scientists need to know exactly which fish is which, and since more than one fish might have the same common name, scientists do not use common names. Instead scientists, like fisheries biologists, use a scientific names. A scientific name has two parts, which is made up of a genus and species name, for example the scientific name for the bluegill found in the District of Columbia, is Lepomis macrochirus. A scientific name is unique to each species of fish, no two fish have the same name.



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| 1. sea lamprey | 27. spotfin shiner | 53. green sunfish |
| <u>Petromyzon marinus</u> | <u>Cyprinella spiloptera</u> | <u>Lepomis cyanellus</u> |
| 2. longnose gar | 28. common carp | 54. pumpkinseed |
| <u>Lepisosteus osseus</u> | <u>Cyprinus carpio</u> | <u>Lepomis gibbosus</u> |
| 3. shortnose gar | 29. cutlips minnow | 55. warmouth |
| <u>Lepisosteus platostomus</u> | <u>Exoglossum maxillingua</u> | <u>Lepomis gulosus</u> |
| 4. blueback herring | 30. eastern silvery minnow | 56. bluegill |
| <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> | <u>Hybognathus regius</u> | <u>Lepomis macrochirus</u> |
| 5. hickory shad | 31. common shiner | 57. longear sunfish |
| <u>Alosa mediocris</u> | <u>Luxilus cornutus</u> | <u>Lepomis megalotis</u> |
| 6. alewife | 32. golden shiner | 58. redear sunfish |
| <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | <u>Notemigonus crysoleucas</u> | <u>Lepomis microlophus</u> |
| 7. American shad | 33. comely shiner | 59. smallmouth bass |
| <u>Alosa sapidissima</u> | <u>Notropis amoenus</u> | <u>Micropterus dolomieu</u> |
| 8. Atlantic menhaden | 34. bridle shiner | 60. largemouth bass |
| <u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u> | <u>Notropis bifrenatus</u> | <u>Micropterus salmoides</u> |
| 9. gizzard shad | 35. spottail shiner | 61. white crappie |
| <u>Dorosoma cepedianum</u> | <u>Notropis hudsonius</u> | <u>Pomoxis annularis</u> |
| 10. bay anchovy | 36. swallowtail shiner | 62. black crappie |
| <u>Anchoa mitchilli</u> | <u>Notropis procne</u> | <u>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u> |
| 11. American eel | 37. rosyface shiner | 63. tessellated darter |
| <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> | <u>Notropis rubellus</u> | <u>Etheostoma olmstedi</u> |
| 12. rainbow trout | 38. bluntnose minnow | 64. johny darter |
| <u>Oncorhynchus mykiss</u> | <u>Pimephales notatus</u> | <u>Etheostoma nigrum</u> |
| 13. brown trout | 39. fathead minnow | 65. yellow perch |
| <u>Salmo trutta</u> | <u>Pimephales promelas</u> | <u>Perca flavescens</u> |
| 14. white catfish | 40. blacknose dace | 66. walleye |
| <u>Ameiurus catus</u> | <u>Rhinichthys atratulus</u> | <u>Stizostedion vitreum</u> |
| 15. yellow bullhead | 41. longnose dace | 67. white perch |
| <u>Ameiurus natalis</u> | <u>Rhinichthys cataractae</u> | <u>Morone americana</u> |
| 16. brown bullhead | 42. creek chub | 68. striped bass |
| <u>Ameiurus nebulosus</u> | <u>Semotilus atromaculatus</u> | <u>Morone saxatilis</u> |
| 17. blue catfish | 43. fallfish | 69. banded killifish |
| <u>Ictalurus furcatus</u> | <u>Semotilus corporalis</u> | <u>Fundulus diaphanus</u> |
| 18. channel catfish | 44. quillback carpsucker | 70. mummichog |
| <u>Ictalurus punctatus</u> | <u>Carpoides cyprinus</u> | <u>Fundulus heteroclitus</u> |
| 19. margined madtom | 45. white sucker | 71. inland silverside |
| <u>Noturus insignis</u> | <u>Catostomus commersoni</u> | <u>Menidia beryllina</u> |
| 20. grass pickerel | 46. creek chubsucker | 72. Atlantic needlefish |
| <u>Esox americanus</u> | <u>Erimyzon oblongus</u> | <u>Strongylura marina</u> |
| 21. chain pickerel | 47. northern hog sucker | 73. eastern mosquitofish |
| <u>Esox niger</u> | <u>Hypentelium nigricans</u> | <u>Gambusia holbrooki</u> |
| 22. northern pike | 48. golden redhorse | 74. striped mullet |
| <u>Esox lucius</u> | <u>Moxostoma erythrurum</u> | <u>Mugil cephalic</u> |
| 23. muskellunge | 49. shorthead redhorse | 75. white mullet |
| <u>Esox masquinongy</u> | <u>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</u> | <u>Mugil curema</u> |
| 24. goldfish | 50. rock bass | 76. spot |
| <u>Carassius auratus</u> | <u>Ambloplites rupestris</u> | <u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u> |
| 25. rosyface dace | 51. flier | 77. hogchoker |
| <u>Clinostomus funduloides</u> | <u>Centrarchus macropterus</u> | <u>Trinectes maculatus</u> |
| 26. satinfin shiner | 52. redbreast sunfish | 78. summer flounder |
| <u>Cyprinella analostana</u> | <u>Lepomis auritus</u> | <u>Paralichthys dentatus</u> |

